

**Subject:** Re: Problems again on Broadway between 4th and 5th

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**Date:** 04/25/2016 10:47 AM

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We are meeting on the roof of the Judson at 6pm sharp on 5/3. All on this email thread are welcome to attend. Please text me at 410-908-9162 and I will let you in.

On Mon, Apr 25, 2016 at 10:43 AM, Blair Besten <[blair@historiccore.bid](mailto:blair@historiccore.bid)> wrote:

What time are they coming and would you like us to attend the meeting, as well?



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On Sun, Apr 24, 2016 at 11:26 AM, Karin Tracy <[k@karintracy.com](mailto:k@karintracy.com)> wrote:

Officer Lewis and Jason from SHARE are coming to the Judson on 5/2 to speak to the building. Jason told me that SHARE doesn't want the people in front to leave – having them there makes them one step closer to coming up the stairs and heading to recovery. I don't believe this, but it illustrates the chasm.

On Sun, Apr 24, 2016 at 11:07 AM, Christopher Serafino <[cserafino@clippers.com](mailto:cserafino@clippers.com)> wrote:

Thank you all. I can echo what Karin Tracy has shared in the previous email.

>From my observations, people gather at SHARE in and around the adjacent entrance. I see everything from fires being set, drug use, fights, and public urination and defecation.

It's tough to ignore. SHARE appears to enable this conduct. I'm all for getting people help who need it, but this particular outreach doesn't seem to be working or making our neighborhood any better.

Chris

On Apr 24, 2016, at 10:58 AM, Jessica Wethington Mclean  
<[jessica.wethingtonmclean@lacity.org](mailto:jessica.wethingtonmclean@lacity.org)><mailto:[jessica.wethingtonmclean@lacity.org](mailto:jessica.wethingtonmclean@lacity.org)>> wrote:

Adding Christopher Sarafino to this thread. He had reached out to our field staff about the same issues, and was referred to me but should have been referred to Sara.

Chris, Sara Hernandez, our Downtown Area Director, is your best resource for these matters, which, while happening on Broadway in this instance, are a widespread concern throughout all of Downtown.

Sara's been very active on these issues, is equipped with knowledge about what has and can be done, and is on the front lines of this concern for our office.

I'll help I any way I can, as safety and pedestrian comfort are essential to the economic development of Broadway, which is the central core of the Councilmember's Bringing Back Broadway initiative. I appreciate being kept in the loop, so thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jessica

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On Apr 9, 2016 12:46 PM, "Sara Hernandez" <[sara.hernandez@lacity.org](mailto:sara.hernandez@lacity.org)<mailto:sara.hernandez@lacity.org>> wrote:

Hi Karin,

Thanks for reaching out. I live around this area and have noticed this as well. I'm including Jessica Wethington McLean who is leading our Bringing Back Broadway initiative as well as Blair Besten from the Historic Core BID and our Senior Lead Officer, Sean Lewis. Jessica, Blair and Office Lewis, I've gotten multiple emails around this issue of increased illegal activity and encampments on Broadway between 4th and 5th.

In attempting to find some sort of solution to this issue, Karin, have you observed that a lot of this activity is linked to the SHARE facility on this block? Trying to figure out who we can work with to address some of these problems.

Sara

On Mon, Mar 28, 2016 at 9:06 AM, Karin Tracy <[k@karintracy.com](mailto:k@karintracy.com)<mailto:k@karintracy.com>> wrote:

Hi Sara,

Hope you're well!

As you know, almost all of the shops on the east side of the street were boarded up in preparation for the new building on the corner of 4th and Broadway. At the Judson, we have learned that the construction won't even begin until 2017.

In just three weeks, the sidewalks have noticeably deteriorated. With no businesses open, groups of homeless people have started hanging out all day and night. I've seen multiple instance of people defecating by / in the succulent planters. The other night we saw one homeless person performing oral sex on another! This is a tricky block with so little commerce and it's just going to become a really bad situation.

Please help us!

K.

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